

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11-12, and 14-23 are pending in the application. In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner omitted claim 11, which was an original claim and had not been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a revised Notice of Allowance that indicates that claim 11 is allowed as well.

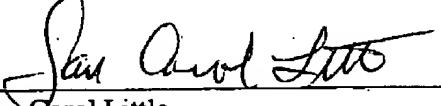
CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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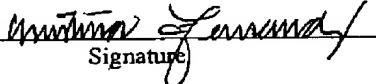
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